



The Town Crier

City of Algona

APRIL 2014

Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday April 19, 2014—11 AM Matchett Memorial Park
402 Warde Street (Behind City Hall)*

Age Groups: (2-4) (5-7) (8-12)

Bring the kids with their baskets to the park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are seeking sponsors to donate grand prizes such as non-gender specific Easter baskets, children's videos, children's games, pre-packaged chocolate bunnies, or Easter-style stuffed animals. Donations need to be received in City Hall no later than Tuesday April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 253-833-2897.

Dust off the baskets and get ready to hunt.

Kid's Fishing Derby

Age 13 & Under

Saturday May 31, 2014—9am to 1pm

Matchett Park—402 Warde St

Reserve your tickets beginning May 19th for our first fishing derby! A portable pond will be stocked with trout, and poles and bait will be provided! This is a free event sponsored by Puget Sound Anglers and Auburn Sports and Marine. Get your tickets and start a new hobby or sport, or just come for the fun!

Recycling Collection Event

Saturday May 3, 2014—9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ALPAC Elementary School

310 Milwaukee Blvd N

Algona's **Recycling Collection Event** will be on May 3rd. Items collected include used tires, used anti-freeze, used oil and oil filters, used batteries, bulky wood (large materials only), appliances, electronic equipment, computer peripherals, scrap metals, textiles, reusable or recyclable household goods, porcelain toilets and sinks, propane tanks, and other materials if practical.

Some fees apply. For more information, contact 206-938-8262

Fact:

Keeping pollutants out of the water isn't just a good idea - it's the law. The Washington State Water Pollution Control Law (RCW 90.48) and the King County Code (KCC 9.12) prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the storm drainage system, surface water and groundwater. Direct dumping of material or polluted stormwater can negatively affect every water body it enters.

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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Visit our website at:
www.algonawa.gov

**Home Town Community Services** wants to see you!!!

Come join us for a variety of activities. We are open Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm. We offer a lunch made fresh and served at noon. In addition, you can join us for crafts and exercise classes. Both are set to all skill levels. Crafts are offered Wednesdays at 10:30 and exercise classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30am. You can find out more by liking our Facebook page **Home Town Community**



Services in Algona. There you will get a daily post about what's for lunch and more. We are located at 401 Warde Street and share space with the church. We also offer a FREE item give-away twice a month. These items can include personal care, clothes, books, and more. Please stop in and see us—the coffee and tea is waiting for you.

2014 ECOSS Pollution Prevention Outreach Report

Early in 2013, The Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) began an expansion of the Puget Sound Spill Kit Program with funding from Puget Sound Partnership. The goal of the program is to help increase awareness of stormwater pollution, and spill preparedness in small to medium sized businesses with connectivity to Puget Sound.

By providing free spill cleanup materials as an incentive, ECOSS seeks to engage businesses on the subject of stormwater pollution prevention, help them save money, and contribute to a cleaner Puget Sound. In Algona, twenty businesses were identified and approached with this program. These businesses were asked to sign a pledge reflecting their understanding of pollution prevention and promising future training for their staff. Also, these businesses were given a free spill kit and a brief primer on the subject of stormwater and its effect on water quality.

A follow-up study was completed within six months after initial participation in the program, and the results were positive. After participating in the program, 74% of the businesses reported knowing where their stormwater runoff went, as compared to only 42% before participating. Also, 100% of the business had spill cleanup materials and a Spill Plan onsite, as compared to only 44% before participation.

As a result of the positive effects, ECOSS recommends continuing the program and providing future outreach for stormwater pollution prevention. Using best practices is important to help improve water quality in our lakes, streams, rivers, and Puget Sound.



Mayor's Message

Community Events

We are planning another year that is full of community events. Since becoming Mayor, I have been increasing and enhancing community events. Some community events have been going on for years, such as the very popular Easter Egg Hunt and the Holiday Social. Some events are new, like the Fishing Derby that we will be holding in May this year. In the last few years, we have added Movies in the Park, Music in the Park and S'mores N More including face painting and professional story tellers. If you have not attended one of the events, I would urge you to come on down and have a good time.

We have formed partnerships with Auburn School District to offer free lunches in the park in the summer for youth. We also have formed a partnership with the Auburn YMCA to provide activities twice a week in conjunction with the free lunches. Last summer we had up to 65 youth participating in the daily program.

We have also partnered with the YMCA to offer free memberships to Algona youth. This is an opportunity for the youth to participate as full members of the YMCA, which has many activities.

Future Community Center

With the limited space of City Hall and the need for an Algona Community Center, we are pursuing the planning and financing of a new combination City Hall and Community Center. We are seeking grants and other funding to help pay for the building, and we have already received \$125,000 from the State of Washington that is being spent for planning and some preliminary design. We are hoping to construct a building that will be serving the community for many years. Stay tuned for additional information as it become available. I hope to begin construction in 2015 or 2016.

Boeing Plume

The Boeing Plume continues to consume a lot of my time. Boeing is currently proposing a work plan for more push probes and monitoring wells. We are advocating for additional testing to assure us that there is not a plume in another part of town. Algona deserves the additional testing, and we will continue to seek additional testing. The good news is that we have not discovered any levels of contaminants that are alarming and requiring immediate mitigation. We continue to have our scientists involved and providing me with independent analysis of the data.

King County Solid Waste (KCSW) (Transfer Station)

I have been negotiating with KCSW for several months to see if we can reach an agreement to allow the new South King County Transfer Station to locate in Algona. We have made substantial progress. KCSW made a presentation on the current offer at the last City Council meeting. While there are parts of the offer that still needs to be negotiated, I am hopeful that we will be able to reach an agreement where Algona's long term financial health is protected and a combination recycling station and transfer station is located in South King County.

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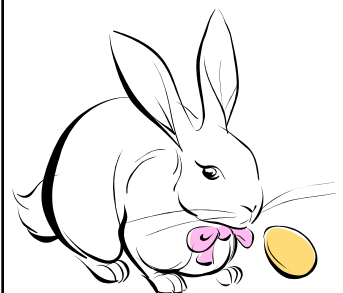
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Happy Easter





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Don't Forget
Free Popcorn
Fridays !

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	9	10 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15 Penalties posted for past due Feb. bills & notices mailed	16	17	18	19 Easter Egg Hunt 11am Matchett Park
20	21 Disconnect notices for past due Feb. bills	22 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	23 Water shut off for past due Feb. bills	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

